

## Goal 1: Strengthen the Public Health System

### **Objective 1: Contribute to public health's capacity to control disease and respond to public health emergencies.**

Activity: Hold a briefing following emergency event exercises to identify potential gaps in public health response.

Activity: Assure Notifiable Conditions rules are up to date

Activity: Monitor the impact of multi-drug resistant infections to understand the state's response capacity.

Activity: Develop a protocol for emergency rulemaking to prevent and control the spread of infectious disease during emerging outbreaks and epidemics. (Underway)

### **Objective 2: Maintain and strengthen the organizational capacity of the public health network.**

Activity: Work in partnership with local health to advance public health and promote stronger state/local coordination by participating in WSALPHO membership meetings.

Activity: Provide a public forum to promote local health successes and identify challenges and opportunities within the public health system (e.g. oral health strategy, local health's drinking water/on-site efforts, CAFOs). *Note: This activity will include:*

- Inviting local health officials and Boards of health to join Board meetings.
- Holding Board meetings in locations outside of Thurston County.
- Maintaining a website that provides information about LBOH.

Activity: Endorse strategies to implement and fully fund Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS).

*Note: This activity will include:*

- Participating in FPHS workgroups.
- Monitoring FPHS efforts through regular updates to the Board.
- Participate in active communications such as webinars and social media to promote awareness of FPHS to engage local communities.

Activity: Increase awareness of the Board's role and authority and communicate information regarding how to engage the Board to other agencies, organizations, and community groups.

## Goal 2: Promote prevention to improve health and wellness

### Objective 1: Increase the availability, accessibility, and utilization of preventive health services

Activity: Work with the Department of Health to engage stakeholders to identify possible inconsistencies in the immunizations rules, and strategies to reduce the administrative burden to schools while decreasing the number of children who are out of compliance with school immunization requirements (Underway)

Activity: Convene an advisory committee to review the Board's 2006 immunization criteria and make recommendations to the Board on potential revisions (Underway)

Activity: Engage in conversations with partners (e.g. DOH, LHJs) to identify ways to improve the public health system's response to disease outbreaks

Activity: Work with partners to promote fluoridation of drinking water and its oral health benefits.

Activity: Hold briefings on, and endorse when appropriate, partner activities supporting the Oral Health Initiative. (Ongoing)

Activity: Assure child health rules are current (Newborn Screening, vision screening, immunization rules, etc. (Ongoing)

### Objective 2: Promote a preventive approach to improve behavioral health and wellness

Activity: Participate in the State Prevention Enhancement Advisory Group and hold briefings on the work of this group.

Activity: Support statewide efforts to improve behavioral health and wellness. *This activity will include:*

- Monitoring Accountable Communities of Health Activities/ Healthier WA initiative.
- Supporting expanded capacity to address behavioral health care infrastructure.

Activity: Hold a briefing on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) to explore impacts on health and community efforts to improve resiliency.

Activity: Hold a briefing on mitigation of toxic stresses.

### Objective 3: Encourage Healthy Behaviors

Activity: Improve nutrition and increase physical activity/ access to nutritious foods by participating in Washington's Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentives Project to improve the nutrition status of low income households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. (Underway)

Activity: Support efforts to reduce youth access to tobacco and vaping by encouraging the state to increase the age for purchasing tobacco from 18 to 21.

Activity: Identify and pursue opportunities to highlight the adverse health impacts of vaping.

Activity: Monitor the use of vaping products among youth and the emerging evidence regarding health impacts.

Activity: Hold a briefing on opioid abuse and unintentional overdose deaths in Washington, and statewide efforts to address this issue.

Activity: Hold a briefing on youth marijuana use.

Activity: Explore authorities related to and feasibility of rulemaking to increase the utilization of immunization registries.

## Goal 3: Promote Health Equity

### **Objective 1: Support statewide initiatives to reduce health disparities**

Activity: Support the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities (Ongoing). *This activity will include:*

- Annual updates to the Board regarding Council recommendations
- Incorporating Council recommendations in the State Health Report

Activity: Complete health impact reviews for the Governor and legislature. (Ongoing)

Activity: Support partners work to promote health equity through activities such as writing letters, resolutions, sharing communications, etc.

### **Objective 2: Integrate health equity awareness into Board activities**

Activity: Include disparities data and other equity considerations in Board briefings and reports.

Activity: Require cultural humility training for Board staff (and members when resources allow).

Activity: Assure government to government (tribal relations) training for Board staff (and members when resources allow).

Activity: Establish and integrate processes for applying an equity lens to Board policy development.

Activity: Develop a plan to implement the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services.

Activity: Explore opportunities to use an equity lens in Board communications.

## Goal 4 Promote Healthy and Safe Environments

### **Objective 1: Promote environmental health in urban, suburban, rural, and recreational environments.**

Activity: Monitor On-site sewage systems (OSS) operations and improvements,

- Review and update rule as needed.
- Support efforts to fully fund local implementation of local OSS plans.

Activity: Hold a briefings on zoonotic diseases in Washington, including emerging diseases.

Activity: Promote safe and reliable drinking water systems.

Activity: Convene other state agencies and partners to address environmental health issues to include pollution.

Activity: Support efforts to reduce exposure to environmental toxics and toxins.

### **Objective 2: Promote School Environments that protect health**

Activity: Work with state and local partners to increase the understanding and identification of potential public health risks and hazards in schools and appropriate techniques and procedures for addressing these risks.

Activity: Assess and improve school environmental health and safety rules.

Activity: Help create a coalition of support for safe and healthy schools.

Activity Support DOH in engaging local health jurisdictions, OSPI, and school districts and partners to cooperatively strengthen efforts to improve Environmental Health and safety in schools.

Activity: Support and advance efforts to improve school safety (e.g. emergency preparedness and response).

### **Objective 3: Monitor the health effects of climate change**

Activity: Adjust rules for effects on water systems, sewage systems, food supply, air quality and zoonotic effects.

Activity: Monitor health effects (need for cooling, stress, health disparities) associated with climate change.

Previous Plan Activities planned but not carried out:

- Hold Board briefing on Health Officer recommendations concerning drug resistant tuberculosis control issues.
- Hold Board work session to explore the Board's role in promoting policies to effectively reduce the impact of Hepatitis C.
- Hold Board briefing on tuberculosis with focus on specific issues such as education-related travel.
- Encourage and monitor utilization of immunization registries (Washington State Immunization Information System).
- Hold briefing on immunization rates and barriers and effective approaches to improve rates and address barriers.